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GRIZZLY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS TAKE WEEK OFF AFTER SCORING PERFECT VICTORY SATURDAY

MISSOULA---

University of Montana cross country runners, who scored a perfect 15 points in beating Montana State and Eastern Washington in their only home meet of the season last Saturday, will take this weekend off while pointing toward the Big Sky Conference Championships Nov. 9 in Pocatello, Idaho.

"We're going to stay in Missoula and watch the Grizzlies beat the Bobcats in football," Coach Harley Lewis said. "But we'll be training hard for the league meet."

Montana was tentatively scheduled to compete in an A.A.U. meet in Spokane, Wash. this weekend, but Lewis said he and his team would like to be at the football game Saturday.

"The kids have been working pretty hard, and they ran their best team race of the year Saturday, so we'll take a break," Lewis said.

Sophomore ace Wade Jacobsen of Simms continued his individual winning ways in the Saturday meet, coming in first with a time of 20:30.2. Montana achieved its perfect score by taking the first five places against MSU and Eastern Washington.

Running second was junior Ray Velez of San Bernadino, Calif. in 20:58.2. Freshman Howie Johnson of Anaconda finished third in 21:25, senior Mick Harrington of Missoula fourth in 21:25, and sophomore Ray Ballew of Sunburst fifth in 21:31.

Previously unbeaten Montana State runner John Hayes came in seventh, finishing behind teammate Craig Anderson, who finished sixth. Eastern Washington finished second in team scoring with 59, and MSU third with 61.

Other Montana finishers who failed to score included freshman Tim O'Hare of Billings, eighth, and sophomore Steve Linse of Snohomish, Wash., 10th.

Scoring runners for Eastern Washington finished 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. Montana State scorers finished 6th, 7th, 15th, 16th and 17th.